Application No.: 09/641,519 Docket No.: M4065.0290/P290

REMARKS

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed April 8, 2004. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's statement that claims 8-12, 15, 16, 20, 21, 30-34, 37, 38, 42, 43, 47, 48, 52 and 53 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 1, 9, 10, 13, 16, 23, 31, 32, 35, 38, 45 and 48 have been amended to include the subject matter considered allowable in the Office Action. Claims 4-8, 15, 26-30, 37, 47 and 55-58 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the application now contains claims 1, 9-14, 16-23, 31-36, 38-46 and 48-5, all indicated as allowable.

Application No.: 09/641,519 Docket No.: M4065.0290/P290

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

Dated: June 24, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. D'Amico

Registration No. 28,371

Salvatore P. Tamburo

Registration No. 45,153

DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO MORIN &

OSHINSKY LLP

2101 L Street NW

Washington, DC 20037-1526

(202) 785-9700

Attorneys for Applicant